

Board Actions
October 1, 2001 – September 30, 2002

Board

November 2001

Established 2002 Board meeting dates.

Approved destruction of executive officer 2001 evaluation documents.

Dissolved Task Force on Chemical Dependency effective December 31, 2001.

ASNA concerns regarding Standards of Nursing Practice referred to committee.

Adopted FY 2002 Strategic Plan.

January 2002

Adopted amended fee schedule.

March 2002

Approved the following additions to the Strategic Plan: (1) Implement revised disciplinary rules and regulations; (2) Award post-baccalaureate scholarships to qualified applicants; and (3) Complete Board history project.

Approved use of imaging and other technology to provide historical information in a variety of venues while continuing efforts to identify the historical evolution of the Board with the following two goals to be completed this year: (1) Identify criteria for systematic retrieval, and (2) Establish a hyperlink to the Board's web site.

July 2002

Approved addition of addictionologist to Board staff

Adopted proposed amendments to Chapter 610-X-1, Organization & Administration

Adopted summit theme: "Collaboration: The Bridge to the Future of Nursing Education, Practice, and

Regulation in Alabama”

Approved purpose and topic outline for 4th Annual Summit

September 2002

Approved total quality management plan and implementation of performance-based budgeting.

Approved a resolution to request an attorney general opinion related to the authority to set the compensation for the EO.

Maintained Board compensation at \$125.00 per day.

Approved revision to fee schedule.

Approved levying a fine for each violation of the Nurse Practice Act and ABN administrative code or other applicable laws.

Administration

November 2001

Evaluated Executive Officer and approved 5% salary increase.

Approved executive officer evaluation tool.

July 2002

Approved revised organizational charts—authority and functional

Charged executive committee to provide a reliable and valid way to present the evaluation to the EO

September 2002

Approved and presented evaluation to Executive Officer.

Established salary for Executive Officer.

Established that the EO, at the next evaluation, provide a summary of activities and attach copies of the EO activity reports.

Approved destruction of the working documents of EO evaluation.

Advanced Practice

November 2001

Approved performance of “Interrogation of Vagal Nerve Stimulator with and without Voltage Adjustment” as a recognized function for CRNP within specific guidelines.

Denied additional skills—dermal injection of collagen, injection of Botox, and sclerotherapy—for CRNPs.

Denied request for exception to limits on use of CRNPs by neonatology community group at UAB.

January 2002

Approved tympanogram with interpretation for CRNP practice with documented instruction and demonstrated competence.

Denied additional skills—flexible nasolaryngoscopy with incision and drainage of peritonsillar abscess.

Approved nasal endoscopy for removal of foreign bodies that are readily accessible and microscopic ear exam and removal of tympanostomy tubes from patients over age 16 years for CRNPs.

May 2002

Approved placement of previously denied advanced practice skills on web site

July 2002

Denied petition for declaratory ruling for Mary L. Robinson (petition to allow WHNP to work with pain management physician)

Referred issue of WHNP providing care to male patients to AP Advisory Council

Approved exception to allow Doctors Bennie Skelton and William Hubbard exceed the FTE restriction for a time limit of 12 months.

Approved FTE exception for Dr. Arti Pandley

September 2002

Appointed Truus Delfos-Broner, CNM to the Joint Committee for Advanced Practice Nursing for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2002.

Approved breast ductal lavage as additional skill for CRNPs who meet the training requirements and refer procedure to Joint Committee for consideration.

Continued Competence/Continuing Education

November 2001

Adopted Chapter 610-X-10 and repealed previous chapter.

January 2002

Approved purpose, objectives, and membership of the Advisory Council on Research.

Adopted new Chapter 610-X-10, Continuing Education for Licensure; Repealed previous Chapter 610-X-10, Continuing Education for License Renewal.

Endorsed concept of requiring two contact hours of continuing education specific to HIV every renewal period but defer a decision until the Board can conduct a study and collect data on the implications of content-specific continuing education requirements.

July 2002

Accepted definition of competence in Chapter 610-X-2-.03

Education

November 2001

Placed University of South Alabama baccalaureate program on “Approval with Deficiency” with direction to correct two deficiencies by November 2002.

Granted full approval to the BSN program at University of Alabama at Birmingham with a request to update faculty listing to clarify faculty:student ratios.

Placed Southern Community College on "Approval with Deficiencies" with direction to correct all deficiencies with evidence in a self-evaluation report to Board by October 10, 2002.

Recommended that Southern Community College seek scheduled consultation from ABN to assist interim program director

Granted full approval to Southern Union State Community College PN Program

Granted full approval to Shelton State Community College PN Program

Accepted annual reports of PN and RN programs.

Approved issuance of written notice of failure to meet 75% pass rate to:

University of Mobile-ADN

Lawson State Community College-AND

PN: Gadsden State Community College; Central Alabama Community College; US Army Reserve 91C

Granted "Approval with Deficiency" for failure to meet 75% NCLEX pass rate for two successive years:

RN: Jefferson State Community College

PN: Trenholm State Technical College; Wallace State Community College-Selma

Placed Bishop State Community College ADN Program on "Approval with Warning" Status.

March 2002

Granted "Approval with Deficiency" for Northwest Shoals Community College ADN Program with five recommendations.

Approved request from Wallace Community College-Dothan to suspend admission of students in summer terms until further notice.

Approved request from Southern Union State Community College ADN Program to expand their program to the Wadley Campus.

Placed the University of South Alabama College of Nursing on "Full Approval" in response to a petition for declaratory ruling.

May 2002

Granted full approval to Chattahoochee Community College ADN & PN Programs

Granted "Approval with Deficiency" to Bishop State Community College PN Program

Granted “Approval with Deficiency” to Bessemer State Community College PN Program
Granted “Approval with Deficiency” to MacArthur State Technical College PN Program
Repeal of Chapter 610-X-3, Nursing Education Programs
Adoption of Chapter 610-X-3, Nursing Education Programs
Adoption of Chapter 610-X-2-.03, Definitions, Nursing Education Programs

July 2002

Changed Oakwood College and Springhill College RN programs to “Full Approval”
Approved expansion of USA College of Nursing onto Baldwin Campus
Approved expansion of Jefferson State Community College RN program to Scrushy Campus
Approved Capstone College of Nursing’s proposed cooperative education program
Changed Alabama Southern Community College and Wallace State Community College—Hanceville
PN programs to Full Approval.
Final adoption of Chapter 610-X-3, Nursing Education Programs after repeal of existing chapter; 610-
X-2-.03, Definitions, Nursing Education Programs.

September 2002

Granted Full Approval to Reid State Practical Nursing Program with an expected correction of the
clinical faculty:student ratio to 1:8.

Legal

November 2001

Approved recommendation of Task Force on Chemical Dependency to add stipulation to all Board
Orders with illegal/illicit stipulations mandating the completion of Board-approved course on chemical
dependency.
Approved recommendation of Task Force on Chemical Dependency that the Board receive annual
report on completions of VDAP, Probation; terminations of VDAP, Probation.
Approved establishment of Task Force on Limited Licensure to address issues of physical and mental
illness.

Approved Policy and Guidelines for Chemical Dependency Monitoring
Adopted Administrative Code Chapter 610-X-8, Disciplinary Actions and repealed previous chapter.
Adopted Staff Guidelines for Informal Disposition of Applications/Disciplinary Cases
Adopted Staff Guidelines for Levying Administrative Fines in Disciplinary Cases.

January 2002

Adopted new Chapter 610-X-8, Disciplinary Action; repealed previous Chapter 610-X-8, Disciplinary Action.

Licensing

May 2002

Denied petition for declaratory ruling for applicant Ronnie Dale England, Jr.

Practice

November 2001

Approved revised definitions for Standards of Nursing Practice.
Adopted policy statement for position statements.

January 2002

Approved tympanograms with self-contained diagnostic devices, with subsequent interpretation and treatment by a qualified prescriber.

July 2002

Approved curriculum for unlicensed individuals who will assist school nurses with medications
Accepted recommendations for responding to practice inquiries: (1) provide specific requestor with the related regulation; (2) advise the requestor that if a legal opinion about the application to a specific fact situation, request a declaratory ruling.

Scholarship

July 2002

Approved 15 scholarship recipients and 5 alternates
Adopted proposed amendments to Chapter 610-X-11, Scholarships for Post-Baccalaureate Study

National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.

November 2001

Alpha Testing for transition to new testing service.

March 2002

Endorsed Dr. Elaine Klein for Director at Large position and Marjesta K. Jones for Committee on Nominations position.

July 2002

Elected Dr. Elaine Klein & Ms. Davied Fagan as delegates to represent the Board at the NCSBN Annual Meeting in August 2002.
Elected Dr. Debra Davis & Genell Lee as alternate delegates to the NCSBN Annual Meeting in August 2002.

Task Force on Chemical Dependency

January 2002 (Final)

Adopted Executive Summary as the final report; acknowledged staff who participated.

Adopted recommendation that all task forces complete closure reports, end of year summary of activities, and goals for the next year.

Repealed Chapter 610-X-13, Nondisciplinary Alternative Program for Impaired Nurses; Adopted new Chapter 610-X-13, Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program and definitions in Chapter 610-X-2.

Adopted list of chemical dependence treatment providers, approved staff to add or delete from list, and require review every three years.

Commendation to Dr. Jean Lazarus and Dr. John Moracco for their excellent research involving the Board-sponsored programs for chemically dependent nurses.

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